

Version 2 of the OAI-PMH & some other stuff



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⇒ about OAI-PMH v.2.0

⇒ measures of success

⇒ future?

releasing OAI-PMH v.2.0



⇒ creation of OAI-tech

⇒ revision phase

⇒ alpha testing phase

⇒ beta phase

⇒ release of OAI-PMH v.2.0

creation of OAI-tech (06/01)

- charge:

- review functionality and nature of OAI-PMH v.1.0
- investigate extensions
- release stable version of OAI-PMH by 05/02

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revision phase [09/01 - 02/02]

- review process by OAI-tech [09/01 - 01/02]
 - identification of issues
 - discussion of issues
 - proposals for resolution by OAI Exec
- drafting of revised protocol document [02/02]
 - Lagoze, Van de Sompel, Nelson, Warner

alpha testing phase [03/02 - 05/02]

- extension of OAI-tech with alpha testers
- continuous feedback from their implementations
- ongoing revision of protocol document

OAI-PMH 2.0 alpha testers

- The British Library
- Cornell U. -- NSDL project & e-print arXiv
- Ex Libris
- FS Consulting Inc -- harvester for my.OAI
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- InQuirion Pty Ltd, RMIT University
- Library of Congress
- NASA
- OCLC
- Old Dominion U. -- ARC , DP9
- U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- U. Of Southampton -- OAIA, CiteBase, eprints.org
- UCLA, John Hopkins U., Indiana U., NYU
- UKOLN, U. of Bath - RDN
- Virginia Tech -- repository explorer

beta phase [05/02-06/02]

- beta release on May 1st 2002 to:
 - registered data providers and service providers
 - interested parties
 - general public
- fine tuning of protocol document
- preparation for the release of 2.0 conformant tools by alpha testers
- release June 14th 2002

what's new in OAI-PMH v.2.0



⇒ quick recap

⇒ general changes to improve solidity of protocol

⇒ corrections

⇒ new functionality

overview of OAI Verbs

		Verb	Function
metadata about the repository		Identify	description of repository
		ListMetadataFormats	metadata formats supported by repository
		ListSets	sets defined by repository
harvesting verbs		ListIdentifiers	OAI unique ids contained in repository
		ListRecords	listing of N records
		GetRecord	listing of a single record

most verbs take arguments: datestamps, sets, ids, metadata formats and resumption token (for flow control)



general changes

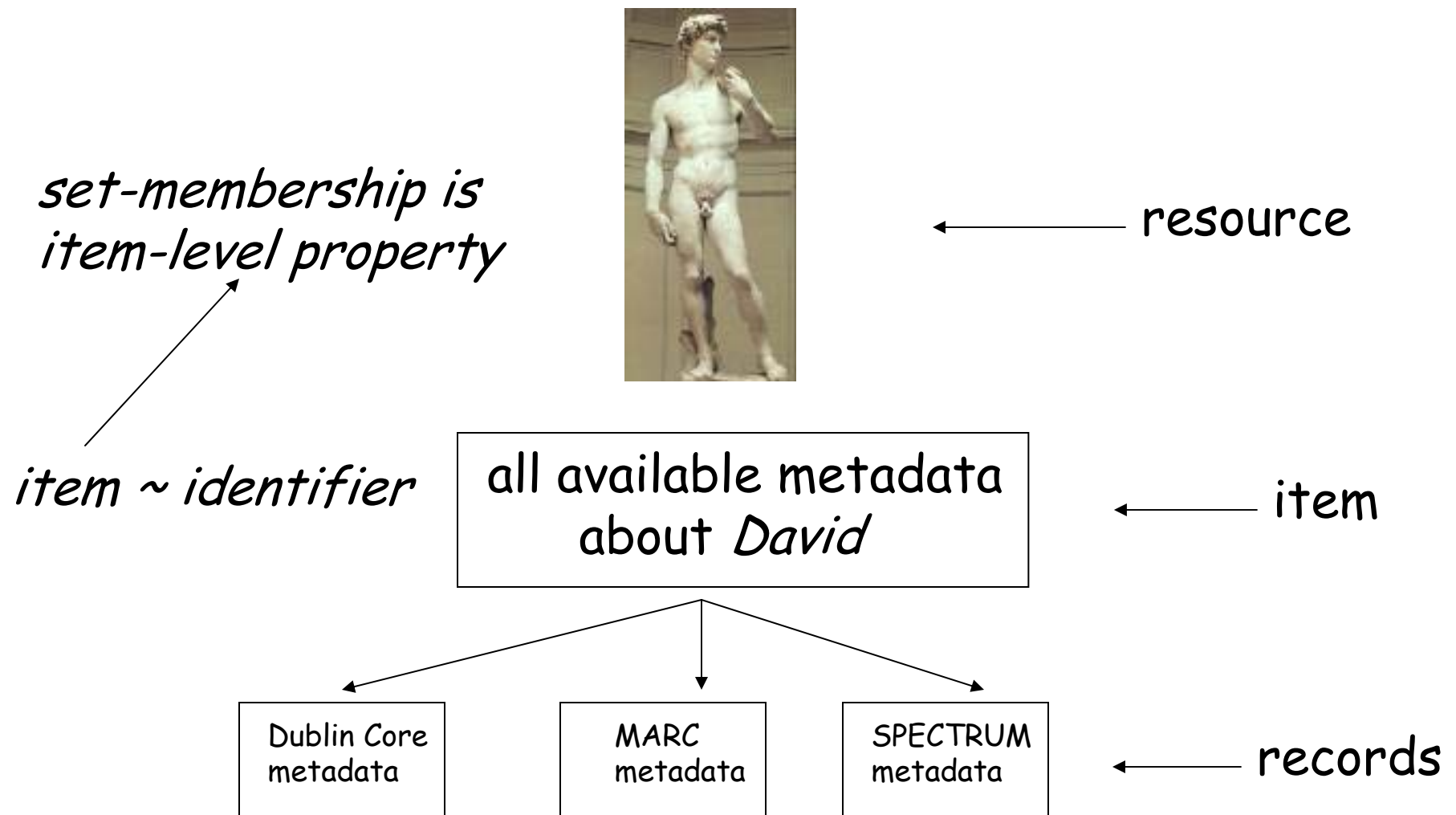
protocol vs periphery

- clear distinction between protocol and periphery
 - fixed protocol document
 - extensible implementation guidelines:
 - e.g. sample metadata formats, *description* containers, *about* containers
 - allows for OAI guidelines and community guidelines

OAI-PMH vs HTTP

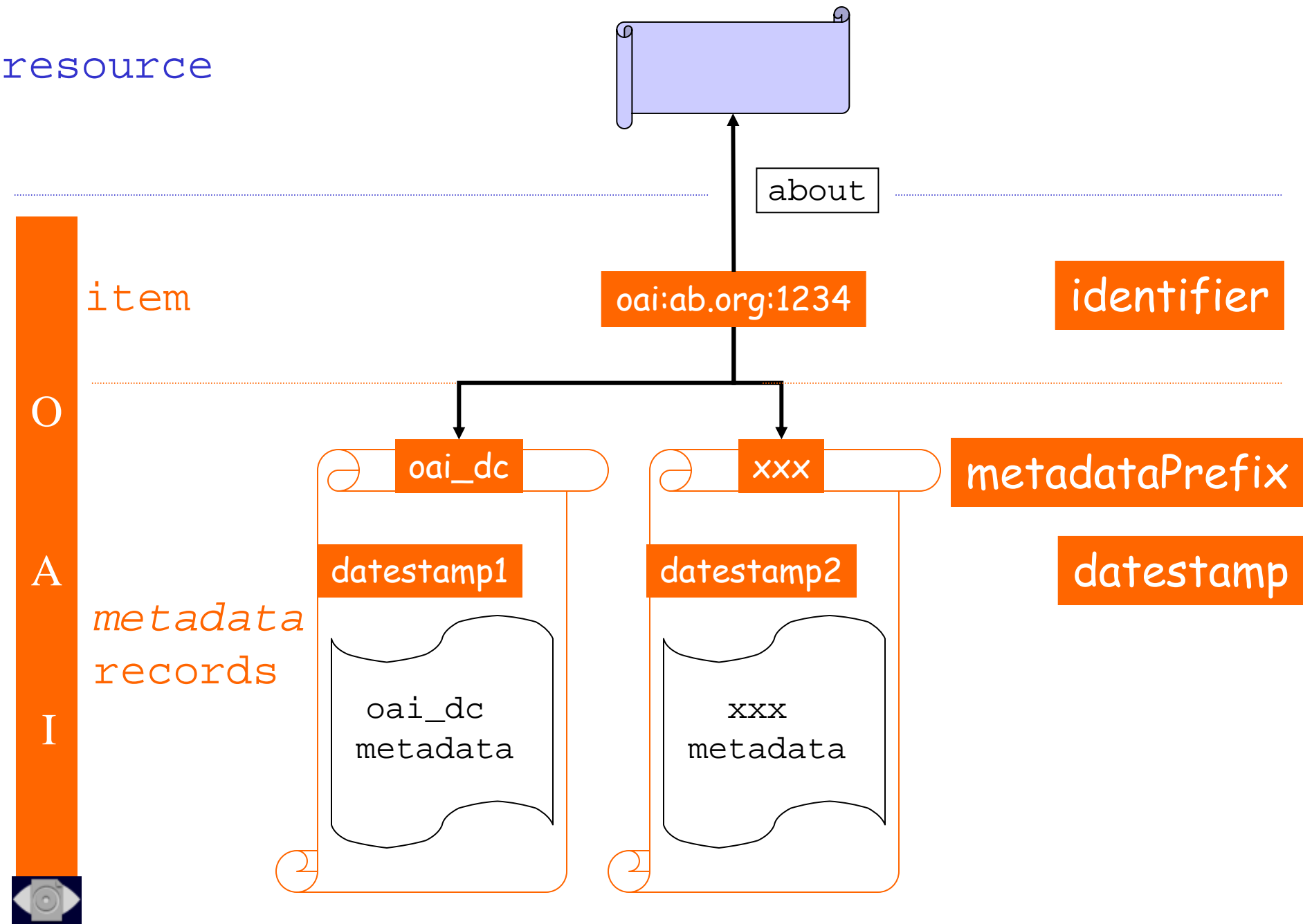
- clear separation of OAI-PMH and HTTP
 - OAI-PMH error handling
 - all OK at HTTP level? => 200 OK
 - something wrong at OAI-PMH level? => OAI-PMH error (e.g. badVerb)
 - http codes 302, 503, etc. still available to implementers, but no longer represent OAI-PMH events

resource - item - record



record ~ identifier + metadata format + datestamp

resource



other general changes

- better definitions of harvester, repository, item, unique identifier, record, set, selective harvesting
- oai_dc schema builds on DCMI XML Schema for unqualified Dublin Core
- usage of *must*, *must not* etc. as in RFC2119
- wording on response compression

other general changes

- all protocol responses can be validated with a single XML Schema
 - easier for data providers
 - no redundancy in type definitions
 - SOAP-ready
 - clean for error handling

response no errors

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<OAI-PMH>
<responseDate>2002-0208T08:55:46Z</responseDate>
<request verb="GetRecord"... ..>http://arXiv.org/oai2</request>
  <GetRecord>
    <record>
      <header>
        <identifier>oai:arXiv:cs/0112017</identifier>
        <datestamp>2001-12-14</datestamp>
        <setSpec>cs</setSpec>
        <setSpec>math</setSpec>
      </header>
      <metadata>
        ....
      </metadata>
    </record>
  </GetRecord>
</OAI-PMH>
```

*no URL encoding
of the OAI-PMH request*



response with error

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
<OAI-PMH>  
<responseDate>2002-0208T08:55:46Z</responseDate>  
<request>http://arXiv.org/oai2</request>  
<error code="badVerb">ShowMe is not a valid OAI-PMH verb</error>  
</OAI-PMH>
```

*with errors, only the correct
attributes are echoed in
<request>*



corrections

dates/times

- all dates/times are UTC, encoded in ISO8601, Z-notation

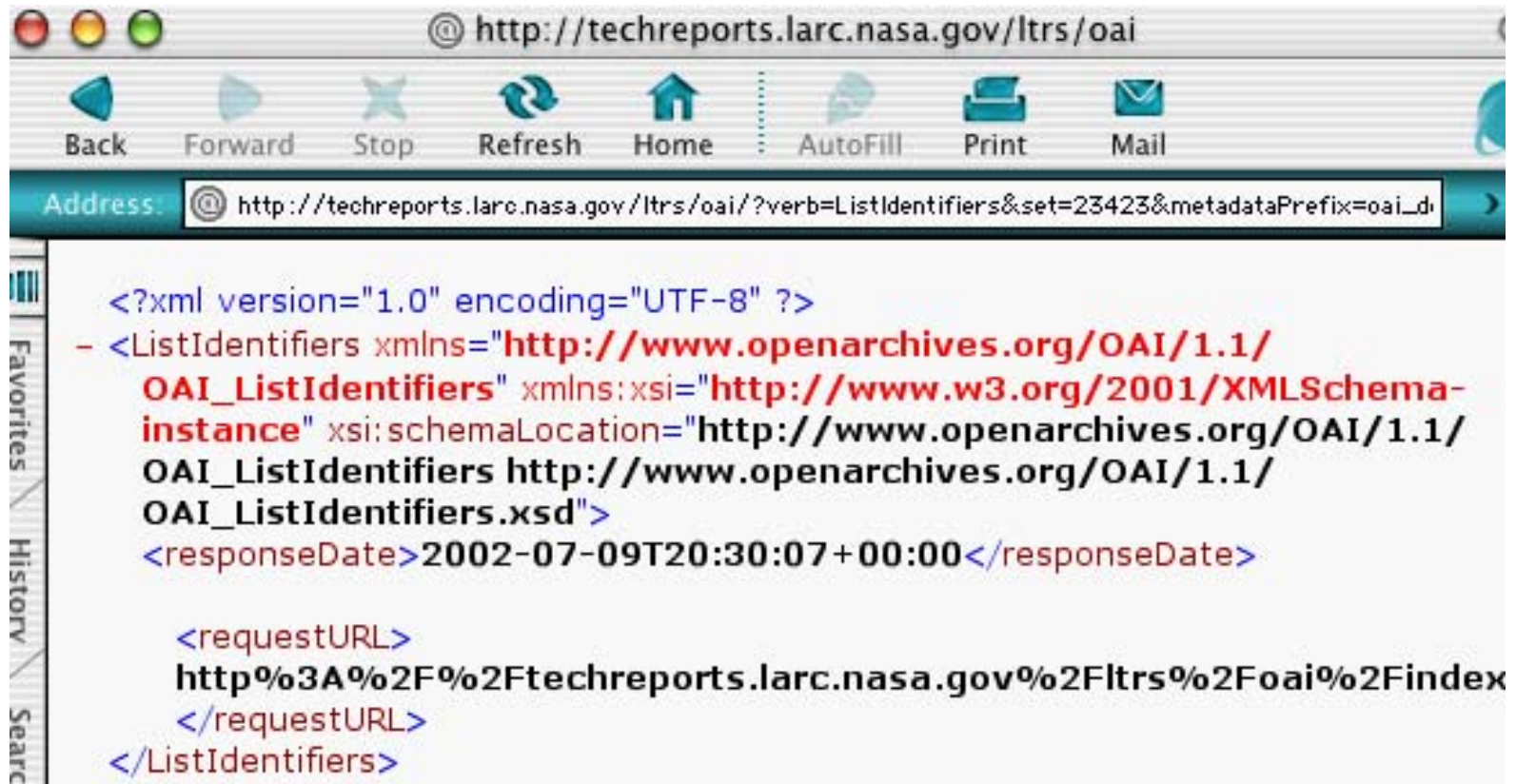
1957-03-20T20:30:00Z

resumptionToken

- idempotency of `resumptionToken`: return same incomplete list when `rT` is reissued
 - while no changes occur in the repo: strict
 - while changes occur in the repo: all items with unchanged `timestamp`
- new, optional attributes for the `resumptionToken`:
 - `expirationDate`
 - `completeListSize`
 - `cursor`

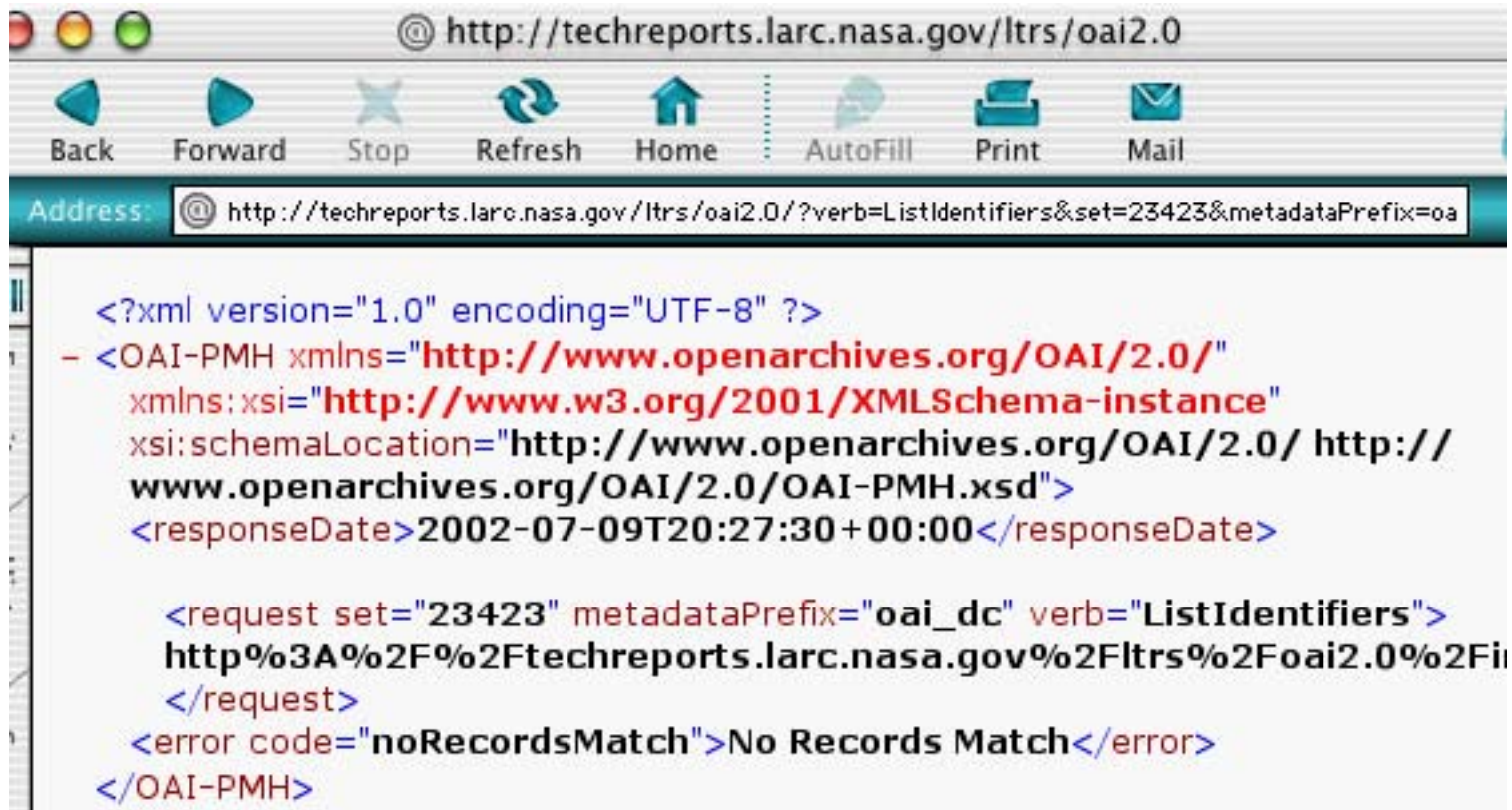
noRecordsMatch

- 1.x - if no records match, an empty list was returned



noRecordsMatch

- 2.0 - if no records match, the exception condition **noRecordsMatch** is returned -- not an empty list



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
- <OAI-PMH xmlns="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/ http://
  www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/OAI-PMH.xsd">
  <responseDate>2002-07-09T20:27:30+00:00</responseDate>

  <request set="23423" metadataPrefix="oai_dc" verb="ListIdentifiers">
    http%3A%2F%2Ftechreports.larc.nasa.gov%2Fltrs%2Foai2.0%2Fi
  </request>
  <error code="noRecordsMatch">No Records Match</error>
</OAI-PMH>
```

new functionality

harvesting granularity

- harvesting granularity
 - mandatory support of YYYY-MM-DD
 - optional support of YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ
 - granularity of `from` and `until` must be the same

Identify

- Identify more expressive

<Identify>

<repositoryName>Library of Congress 1</repositoryName>

<baseURL>http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/oai</baseURL>

<protocolVersion>2.0</protocolVersion>

<adminEmail>joe@here.org</adminEmail>

<adminEmail>jane@there.edu</adminEmail>

<deletedRecord>transient</deletedRecord>

<earliestDatestamp>1990-02-01T00:00:00Z</earliestDatestamp>

<granularity>YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ</granularity>

<compression>deflate</compression>



header

- header contains set membership of item

```
<record>
  <header>
    <identifier>oai:arXiv:cs/0112017</identifier>
    <timestamp>2001-12-14</timestamp>
    <setSpec>cs</setSpec>
    <setSpec>math</setSpec>
  </header>
  <metadata>
    ....
  </metadata>
</record>
```

eliminates the need for the "double
harvest" 1.x required to get all records
and all set information



ListIdentifiers

- ListIdentifiers **returns** headers

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<OAI-PMH>
<responseDate>2002-0208T08:55:46Z</responseDate>
<request verb="..." ...>http://arXiv.org/oai2</request>
<ListIdentifiers>
  <header>
    <identifier>oai:arXiv:hep-th/9801001</identifier>
    <datestamp>1999-02-23</datestamp>
    <setSpec>physic:hep</setSpec>
  </header>
  <header>
    <identifier>oai:arXiv:hep-th/9801002</identifier>
    <datestamp>1999-03-20</datestamp>
    <setSpec>physic:hep</setSpec>
    <setSpec>physic:exp</setSpec>
  </header>
  .....
```



ListIdentifiers

- ListIdentifiers mandates metadataPrefix as argument

`http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/cgi-bin/pdatapro?`

`verb=ListIdentifiers`

`&metadataPrefix=olac`

`&from=2001-01-01`

`&until=2001-01-01`

`&set=Perseus:collection:PersInfo`



ListIdentifiers

- the changes to ListIdentifiers are subtle, and reflect a change in the OAI-PMH data model
- Could have been named "ListHeaders" or reduced to an option for ListRecords
 - "ListIdentifiers" kept for lexicographical consistency

metadataPrefix

- character set for metadataPrefix and setSpec extended to URL-safe characters

A-Z a-z 0-9 _ ! ` \$ () + - . *

in the periphery

provenance

- introduction of provenance container to facilitate tracing of harvesting history

```
<about>
  <provenance>
    <originDescription>
      <baseURL>http://an.oa.org</baseURL>
      <identifier>oai:r1:plog/9801001</identifier>
      <datestamp>2001-08-13T13:00:02Z</datestamp>
      <metadataPrefix>oai_dc</metadataPrefix>
      <harvestDate>2001-08-15T12:01:30Z</harvestDate>
    </originDescription>
  </provenance>
</about>
```

please use it



friends

- introduction of `friends` container to facilitate *web-style* discovery of repositories

```
<description>
```

```
<friends>
```

```
<baseURL>http://cav2001.library.caltech.edu/perl/oai</baseURL>
```

```
<baseURL>http://formations2.ulst.ac.uk/perl/oai</baseURL>
```

```
<baseURL>http://cogprints.soton.ac.uk/perl/oai</baseURL>
```

```
<baseURL>http://wave.ldc.upenn.edu/OLAC/dp/aps.php4</baseURL>
```

```
</friends>
```

```
</description>
```

please please please please please please use it



branding

- introduction of branding container for DPs to suggest rendering & association hints

```
<branding xmlns="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/branding/"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/branding/
    http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/branding.xsd">
  <collectionIcon>
    <url>http://my.site/icon.png</url>
    <link>http://my.site/homepage.html</link>
    <title>MySite(tm)</title>
    <width>88</width>
    <height>31</height>
  </collectionIcon>
  <metadataRendering
    metadataNamespace="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/oai_dc/"
    mimeType="text/xsl">http://some.where/DCrender.xsl</metadataRendering>
  <metadataRendering
    metadataNamespace="http://another.place/MARC"
    mimeType="text/css">http://another.place/MARCrender.css</metadataRendering>
</branding>
```



oai-identifier

- revision of oai-identifier

```
<description>
  <oai-identifier xmlns="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/oai-
identifier"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/oai-
identifier
    http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/oai-identifier.xsd">
    <scheme>oai</scheme>
    <repositoryIdentifier>oai-stuff.foo.org</repositoryIdentifier>
    <delimiter>:</delimiter>
    <sampleIdentifier>oai:oai-stuff.foo.org:5324</sampleIdentifier>
  </oai-identifier>
</description>
```

domain based
repository names



oai_dc

- OAI 1.x: oai_dc Schema defined by OAI
- OAI 2.0: oai_dc Schema imports from DCMI Schema for unqualified DC elements

MARC21

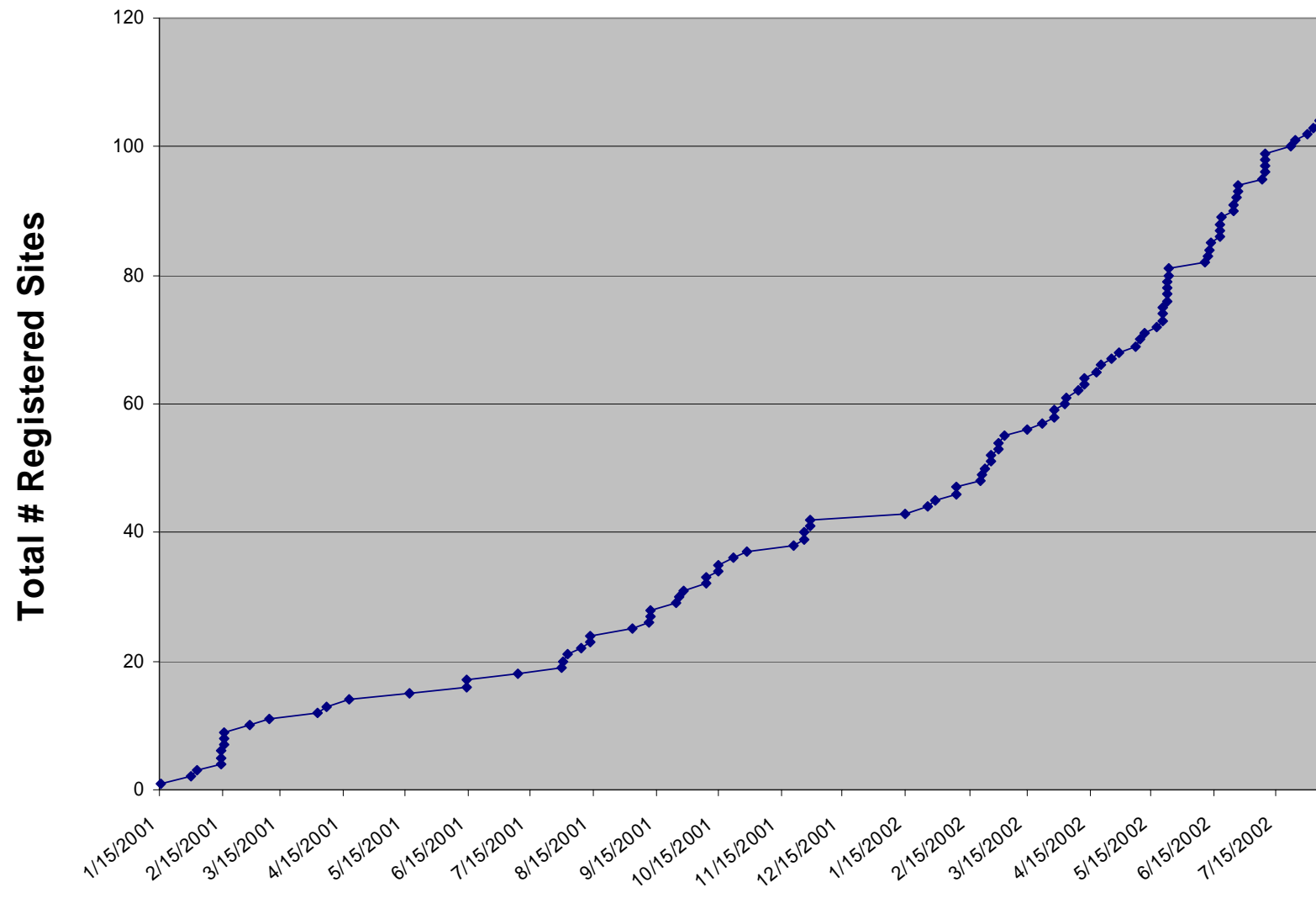
- OAI 1.x: oai_marc
- OAI 2.0: **LoC marxml**, oai_marc
 - <http://www.loc.gov/standards/marxml/>

measures of success

⇒ registered data providers

⇒ acceptance as fundamental infrastructure
for research and implementation

registered data providers



data providers highlights

- OCLC XtCat ~ thesis and dissertation
- Institute of Physics Publishing

acceptance as fundamental infrastructure

- NSDL
- Open Language Archives Community
- The European Library
- Belgian Union Catalogue
- Illinois State Union Catalogue
- CIMI
- JISC FAIR awards
- Mellon OAI-PMH service provider projects
- LOCKSS
- SPARC "institutional repository" paper
- Budapest Open Access Initiative
- JCDL & ECDL sessions on OAI-PMH
- DCMT 2002

future?

⇒ unanswered questions

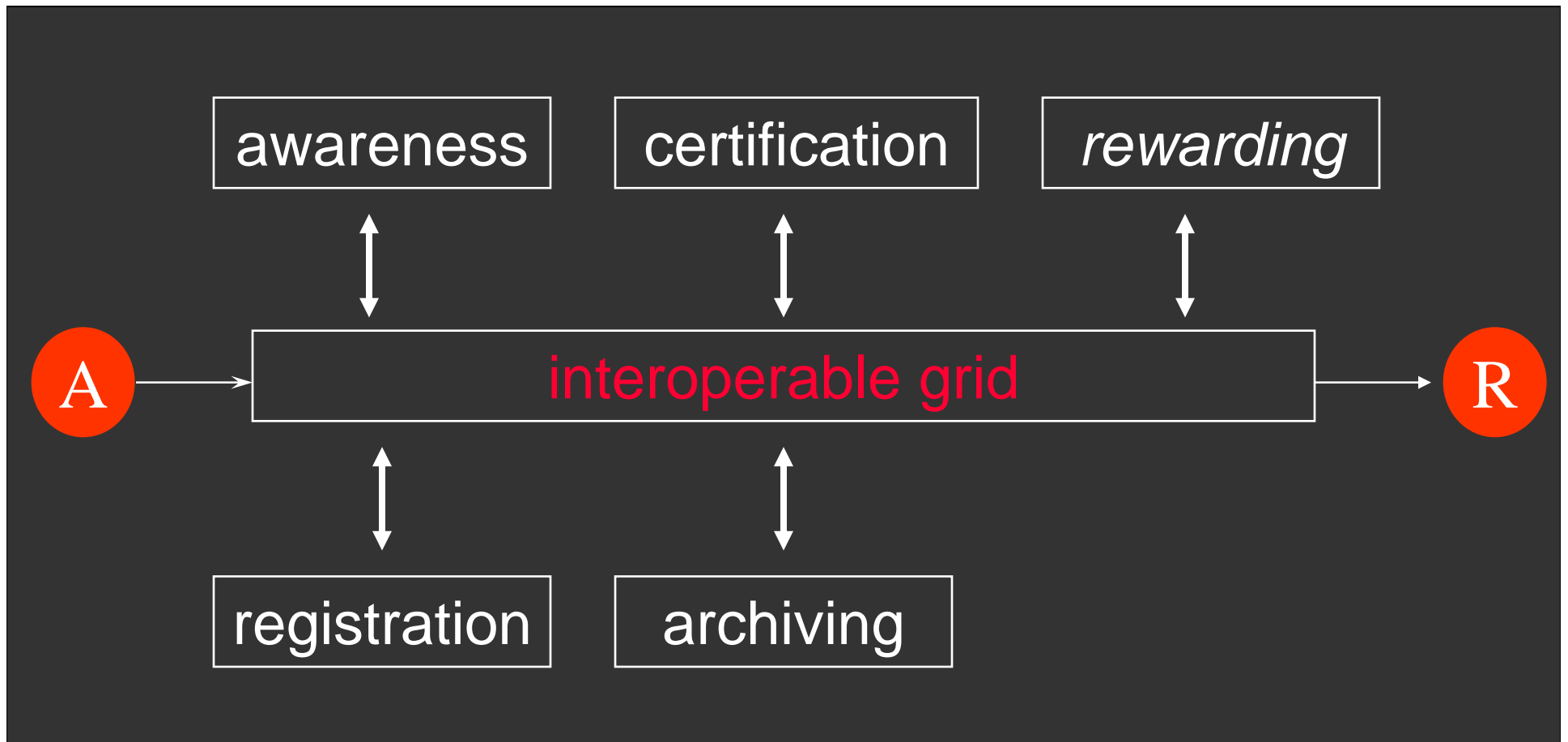
⇒ OAI plans

unanswered questions

- Is OAI-PMH really low-barrier infrastructure?
 - NSDL experience indicates that significant barriers remain
 - OAI work on low-entry specs and tools
- Utility of core metadata (unqualified DC)
 - NSDL and other experience raises doubts
- Utility beyond resource discovery
 - certification, usage logs, citation data, etc.

OAI plans

return to eprints mission : work on OAI-PMH eprints profile



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- e.g.
 - Specification for the exchange of references
 - Exploration of problem domain of exchange of usage log data
 - Exchange of certification metadata
 - Rights metadata
 - Others? => come to our discussion group

OAI plans

return to eprints mission : work on OAI-PMH eprints profile

- Interest from DLF and Mellon to fund the OAI to pursue this path
- Interest from NSF in the exploration of research problems related to general interoperability between eprint repositories
- Creation of OAI eprints core group: Lagoze, Van de Sompel, Nelson, Warner
 - Compile list of priorities
 - Invite relevant partners to collaborate on specific selected topics
 - Keep close contact with parties working on eprint interoperability issues related to OAI-PMH (e.g. RomEO)



questions



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